

IMPACT OF TRIBAL SYSTEM ON NATIONAL ELECTIONS

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**SHOW HOW STRONGLY THE
TRIBAL SYSTEM EFFECT
VOITING**

The Tribal Definition

A social group with strong blood ties linking certain families, each member of the tribe feels the honor of the tribe and considers its members as cousins. The tribal members are very proud of themselves and their status within it. The size of the tribe varies and is often measured in thousands.

The reputation of the tribe is paramount to all activities and therefore tribal members are always put first in any situation and any activity which brings about shame on their tribe will result of a family being constantly reminded of their mistake, .perhaps for generations

- Duty

- Each tribal member has a duty to preserve the reputation of the tribe, to support each other and honor their respective tribal customs, some of which can appear strange.

Loyalty

Tribal loyalty is a very strong bond surpassing National and Regional boundaries and often comes before reason even amongst the most educated.

Even if some body lives in a big city (Baghdad) still he goes back to his tribal loyalty.

Tribal Origins

👉 The tribal system came about due to the Arabic desert lifestyle, resulting in the sharing of food and water. Arabs learnt to look after each other to survive thus developing a strong brotherhood. Arabs to this day have a feeling of safety in numbers and have developed intricate customs of hospitality to fellow tribesmen.

Where is the link with elections?

Currently Tribes vary fight but an intricate system of elections has been developed where upon one tribal member is selected to challenge another tribe. This is a great honor and candidates feel a tremendous sense of duty and are readily supported. Any tribal member who fails to support an elected candidate will be shamed. Even if a candidates losing is inevitable he must still be wholly supported.

Proving loyalty

- **How does the tribe know whom you voted for?**
- **TO AVOID doubts, most of people claim they can't write ,voters who can't write cast their votes by verbal expression .**

Educated people

They are 3 types:

- Those who possess blind loyalty to any candidate.
- Those who recognise that an external candidate is more worthy but still vote for their own tribe regardless.

- Those who vote for the best candidate regardless of tribal loyalty.
- Note that this option causes great heartache to the individual and his family but is in ever-increasing numbers.
- As society becomes more developed the best and often the most educated is selected not traditional tribal names or family ties therefore there is a weakening of the existing tribal leaders.

IRAQI EXAMPLE

- **TRIBES HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE IN NATIONAL ELECTION WITHIN THEIR LOCAL AREA**
 - LARGE TRIBES CROSS DISTRICT BOUNDRIES
- **WITHIN BIG CITY (BAGHDAD) MOSTLY THE POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT**
- **WHERE IT'S DIFFERENT IS IN THE SOUTH ELECTIONS MOSTLY EFFECTED BY RELIGION.**
 - IRAN
 - CLERIC

Conclusion

- **Democracy can only be introduced and develop in the Middle East if international education is wholly supported.**



Thank you